

1,000 GET LAYOFF NOTICES AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER



[caption id="attachment_418" align="alignright" width="150" caption="Space Shuttle"] Keeping true to its promise, [United Space Alliance](#) will issue today and tomorrow some 1,000 layoff notices to its space shuttle mission employees at the Kennedy Space Center. The layoffs, [Click Orlando](#) reports, will occur later this year and come as a result of the ramping down and the eventual elimination of NASA's shuttle program. Two additional flights, and potentially a third, remain for the aging shuttles after nearly 30 years of service. United Space Alliance currently employs a total of 8,100 workers at their Florida, Texas, and Alabama sites. Officials from that company plan on reducing its overall workforce by 15 percent as a result of the cancellation. Experts predict that as many as 8,000 total Kennedy Space Center employees could lose their jobs when the shuttle program shuts down.

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